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II. BACKGROUND

Site No.: A578  
Cerclis ID: MID001764984  
Response Authority: CERCLA (Oversight of Voluntary PRP Cleanup)  
NPL Status: No  
Start Date: March 12, 1997  
Demobilization Date: N/A  
Completion Date: N/A

III. SITE INFORMATION

The Bostwick site is located at 6761 Bostwick Avenue, Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan (42°18'38" North, 83°7'8" West). The property is a privately owned, vacant lot with no buildings, and approximately 15,000 square feet in size. The site consists of metal and polyethylene drums piled and stacked throughout the vacant lot. The Bostwick site is located in a mixed industrial/residential area of innercity Detroit. The site is bordered by Bostwick Avenue to the north, and residences within 10 feet to the east, south, and west. An industrial facility is located north of Bostwick Avenue. The site is currently owned by Mr. Bob Brown.

#### IV. RESPONSE INFORMATION

##### A. Situation

###### 1. Current situation

The Bostwick site is a vacant lot in a residential/ industrial area that contains over 2,500 metal and polyethylene drums. Marine Pollution Control (MPC) crushed approximately 1,900 empty drums. U.S. Farathane removed 151 empty "Tone Polyol" drums and is arranging to remove its approximately 60 remaining drums. Michigan Recovery removed 58 empty drums, for Mr. Brown, after bulking the liquid material into transportable drums. Mr. Brown has removed approximately 40 empty polyethylene drums that will be cut in half and used as containers for his business.

###### 2. Removal activities to date

March 21, 1997 - PVS-Nolwood Chemicals, Inc. was on-site to pick-up one empty polyethylene drum. Temperatures increased to the mid 50 degrees Fahrenheit (°F) and drums containing ice began melting.

March 24, 1997 - Maxi Container Inc. was on-site and removed 79 empty U.S. Farathane "Tone Polyol" drums. U.S. Farathane is in the process of obtaining a contractor to remove the remaining drums that contain material. Enviro-Tech Inc. and Michigan Recovery Systems, Inc. were on-site to offer a bid to U.S. Farathane to remove the remaining drums.

March 26, 1997 - U.S. Farathane was on-site opening the "Tone Polyol" drums and bulking the solid material into 2 drums. Michigan Recovery was on-site for Mr. Brown and removed 58 empty drums after bulking the liquid material into shippable drums. Mr. Brown has removed some of the debris and trash including tree branches and cardboard containers. Mr. Brown has also begun to remove empty polyethylene drums to be cut in half and used as containers at his business.

March 27, 1997 - Maxi Container, Inc. removed the remaining 62 empty U.S. Farathane "Tone Polyol" drums. U.S. Farathane continues to arrange for disposal of its remaining drums. Chem-Met Services was on-site to offer a bid to U.S. Farathane to remove the remaining drums.

###### 3. Enforcement

N/A - PRP cleanup is being conducted voluntarily. Oversight is being conducted by U.S. EPA (with assistance of START) and the City of Detroit, Department of Environment.

B. Planned Removal Activities

Planned removal activities by the PRP include the following:

- a) Analyzing residuals in approximately 150 remaining drums not considered empty and consolidating the materials.
- b) Remove consolidated materials from the drums using appropriate methods.
- c) Crush remaining metal drums for disposal.
- d) Continue to remove/recycle approximately 150 remaining plastic drums.

C. Next Steps

All drums containing liquid and solid residuals will be analyzed for compatibility and consolidated.

D. Key Issues

None.

V. COST INFORMATION

Costs are not available at this time.